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Historian John Henrik Clarke, 83, dies

NEW YORK — Writer and historian John Henrik Clarke died two weeks ago at age 83. Because of Clarke's efforts as a historian, a large number of volumes on black culture and history are available in libraries and schools across the country. Clarke was born in Union Springs, Alabama and grew up with an immense interest in black history. In gathering information, Clarke traveled around the world to museums, libraries, and archives in Africa, the Caribbean and Latin America. In addition to his work as a scholar, Clarke wrote and published over 50 short stories and wrote or edited 27 books.

Two plead guilty to sale of heroin, cocaine

PLAINFIELD — After pleading guilty to drug charges in Superior Court last Wednesday, two men, Efram Armstrong, 24, and Corey Cather, 24, will face jail time. The men were arrested in a drug raid by the Plainfield Narcotics Bureau and the Union County Narcotics Task Force.

Armstrong pleaded guilty to distributing heroin within 1,000 feet of a school and Carter pleaded guilty to distribution of cocaine within 500 feet of the public park. The pair was forced to forfeit the titles to two sports-utility vehicles and nearly \$1,000 in cash.

Real estate appraisers are charged with fraud

SCOTCH PLAINS — A federal grand jury recently charged five appraisers, one of which is located in Scotch Plains, with developing reports that the increased the sale value of as many as 36 rundown properties in Plainfield, Newark, Irvington, Jersey City, Paterson, Asbury Park, Neptune, Long Branch and Red Bank. U.S. Attorney Faith S. Hochberg said the parties preyed upon a number of New Jersey municipalities, property buyers and a Connecticut Mortgage lender. The grand jury found that the appraisers exaggerated the number of rental units that some of the properties contained and improperly agreed with "co-conspirators" on the appraised value of the properties.

United States lifts ban on flights to Cuba

FLORIDA — Direct U.S. - Cuba passenger flights have been resumed after a two year break. New restrictions have been announced by the United States. In an effort to keep a close eye on exiles, U.S. authorities declared almost all of Florida's coast a "security zone." The move required that all privately owned vessels leaving from anywhere in Florida to obtain permits before venturing into Cuban waters. Nearly 200 passengers arrived in Havana last week aboard a chartered United Airlines jet. Clinton lifted the direct flight ban in March as part of an initiative easing some sanctions against Cuba.

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Mandela turns 80, marries, frees prisoners

By Pat Reber
Associated Press Writer

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Prisoners granted early release by President Nelson Mandela began leaving South Africa's crowded jails last week, freed six months early as part of the celebrations for Mandela's 80th birthday.

Mandela, the world's most famous former political prisoner, cut six months off the sentences of all of the country's 148,000 inmates. About 9,000 prisoners will be released during the next week, said Bert Stabbert of the Correctional Services Ministry.

Prisons are running at 150 percent of their optimum capacity, according to 1997 statistics, and Mandela's government has been unable to



Nelson Mandela

substantially improve conditions. Mounting calls to stem the crime rate have forced the government to stiffen penalties, bail requirements and parole conditions.

Mandela, a political prisoner for 27 years while South Africa was under apartheid, heads the African National Congress government that took power after the first all-race elections in 1994.

Under white minority rule, prisoners were frequently released in larger numbers to ease prison overcrowding and as a gesture of good will at holidays, Stabbert said.

While Mandela celebrated his birthday recently and married Graca Machel, widow of a Mozambican president, corrections officials worked to identify candidates for early release.

After being marked and excluded from Nelson

Mandela's wedding to Graca Machel, South African media vented their anger on the president's spokesman. Mandela's spokesman, Parks Mankahlana, denied rumors the week prior to the ceremony that the wedding was planned.

Following the wedding, Cape Town's Afrikaans-language daily, *Die Burger*, called for Mankahlana's dismissal. The South African National Editors' Forum said the wedding was badly handled by Mandela's office.

Mandela's office said that the maneuvers were justified. "It is possible that the office of the President and its officials overstepped the mark in its attempt to uphold the President's privacy, but this is a matter of conjecture," it said in a statement.

Nelson Mandela will not seek another presidential term.

Youth take a stand against racism



Ruthie Page, 15; Felicia Brown, 16, and Vera Knight, 16 were three of the participants who voiced their opinions at the youth open-mic forum at Lafayette Middle School in Elizabeth. By Lucy Sanchez

the march motivated people and now he is holding community meetings to educate them. "Youth have been left out for so long," said Ismail. "They have not been given an opportunity to speak or to voice their outrage. They have not had a platform."

Youth slowly filled in the first few rows of the auditorium, as Ismail encouraged them to speak up for themselves. After being comforted by local community leaders, 16-year-old Vern Knight hesitantly walked to the microphone. Knight asked the panel and her peers about dealing with institutionalized racism in the workforce.

"If black people really don't have the powers to fight against that," said Knight, "and we don't want to be on the corners selling drugs, than what can we do?"

Representatives from the Elizabeth NAACP Youth Council, the map group New World

Poets, and parents advised youth to empower themselves by not tolerating racism. They told the youth, ranging from eight to 16 years of age to tell their parents when they encounter racism in schools, to educate themselves in their history, and to become active in the community.

Reverend Herbert Daughtry, pastor of the House of the Lord Church in Brooklyn, NY, suggested that families address and deal with hate crimes by reflecting on history. "These experiences give us a golden opportunity to use them as a history lesson," Daughtry said. "All of these things have happened to us before. These experiences could also lead to greater family solidarity."

Patricia Way, fourth generation Elizabethan, did not want the incident to threaten her family's comfort or security in

Elizabeth. She attended the youth forum with her 14-year-old son, Eddie Cook, and her niece and nephew. Way said the youth were reluctant to get involved at first, however, after attending the protest march she soon changed her mind.

"More blacks are going to discover their heritage within the city and within the country," Way said. "They are going to forge a new understanding and form a new united front to see that we are included. I think there's a turn going to take place and I'm not going anywhere."

Cook said the march made him feel proud to be black. He suggested youth organizations as a solution to deal with hate crimes in the community. "They hate us," said Cook of the bigots. "They hate black people. It's not going to happen overnight, but we have to help by educating more black people."

Honoring Joseph C. Maree

1933-1998

Joseph Clayton Maree, a respected businessman and loan officer/consultant at the Office of Economic Development.

At the Greater Newark Business Development Consortium, where he worked for the past three years, Maree was responsible for the development of viable loan packages for small businesses and providing technical assistance in the areas of bookkeeping, marketing, management, financial consulting and long range planning.

When asked what inspired him to contribute to the lives of blacks in his community, Maree responded, "A desire and love of helping those in need. It is gratifying to see a minority group making a difference, especially when you played a pivotal role in the development of the business."

Throughout his career, Joseph spent many years of employment at the AtlanticPNC Bank where he retired in 1995. Joseph will be missed by many in the community, his wife Ann and members of his family.

A call for anti-hate crime bill

WASHINGTON — The NAACP reiterated its strong support for the immediate passage of legislation enhancing the Hate Crimes Prevention Act at its 1998 National Convention in Atlanta. The legislation, H.R. 3081 in the House, would expand federal jurisdiction to reach all serious hate crimes and provide grants to state and local authorities to help prevent hate crimes, especially by juveniles.

The NAACP noted the increase in hate crimes, particularly against African American people. According to the U.S. Department of Justice's most recent Hate Crimes Report, incidents of violence because of race increased the most against African Americans.

The resolution passed by delegates at the 1998 convention noted the imperative of lifting up victims of hate crimes.

In support of the legislation Kwesi Mfume, President and CEO of the NAACP, said "Congress should waste no time in passing this much needed legislation. Hate is still a destructive force in America and requires the strongest sanctions and penalties that the law can provide."

A tournament in honor of 'Gee-Gee'

By g.r. mattos

PLAINFIELD — The spirit and memory of a local legend on the basketball courts was honored recently on the Madison Avenue court where he met an untimely end.

The second George "Gee-Gee" Brown Memorial Basketball Tournament was a weekend-long round of activities including a slam-dunk competition, ball handling contest, basketball scholarship for the young and prizes and gifts for everyone. Brown, the captain and leading scorer for the 1986-87 Plainfield High School basketball team, was killed when he was caught in the crossfire of two rival gangs.

Jabbar Jones, a former professional basketball player and



Players shoot hoops at the Second Annual George "Gee-Gee" Brown Memorial Basketball Tournament. Spectators came out to enjoy the festivities. Photo by Shanda Lewis

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NATIONAL/WORLD
BRIEFSDON KING WINS
IN COURT, MOVES INTO
PUBLISHING

NEW YORK — Boxing promoter Don King was recently acquitted of charges that he cheated Lloyd's of London out of \$350,000 by allegedly padding an insurance claim after a 1991 fight between Julio Caesar Chavez and Harold Brazier was canceled.

In a double blow to the federal government, the jury was unable to reach a verdict against Don King Productions, the other defendant in the trial that started in March. It was the second time federal prosecutors failed to win a conviction of the flamboyant boxing promoter on fraud charges. The first trial ended in 1995 with a deadlocked jury.

NIGERIA GETS ON
INTERNET WITH HELP
FROM SENATOR

RUMNEY, N.H. (AP) — Former gubernatorial candidate and state Sen. Wayne King is helping build democracy in Nigeria by getting nonprofit groups on the Internet. The project, funded by the Ford Foundation, aims to give computer training and equipment to local and develop websites for about 150 groups promoting economic development, AIDS prevention and better environmental practices, King said.

"I believe the Internet is a tool for democracy which will help people make a decent living and better understand each other and the issues they face," said King, a Democrat who lost to Republican Gov. Steve Merrill in 1994.

PRISONER SET
CHURCH FIRES TO
INCITE RACE WAR

MANNING, S.C. (AP) — A white man serving 14 years in federal prison for torching two predominantly black rural churches in 1995 says the fires were meant to trigger a race war. He was going to see if his (black) were going to retaliate by burning white churches. Gary Christopher Cox testified recently before a jury hearing a lawsuit stemming from the burning of Macedonia Baptist Church, Macedonia Baptist Church sued Horace King of Pelton, the 65-year-old grand dragon of the Christian Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Cox and three others, contending King incited them to burn the church. The church wants unspecified actual and punitive damages. Church officials said the building cost \$200,000 to rebuild.

WEBSTER BOYCOTT
CONTINUES IN
DETROIT

DETROIT (AP) — The Wayne County Commission has passed a resolution in support of a Ypsilanti woman's boycott of the Meridian-Webster Collegiate Dictionary. The commissioners unanimously voted last week to urge editors of the dictionary to change its definition of a racial slur. The dictionary defines the word "nigger" as "a black person — usually to be taken as offensive."

The commission wants the definition to recognize the word "as an offensive term referring to a black person," Commissioner Bernard Parker said the word "usually" in the dictionary definition lends the term legitimacy it does not deserve. The resolution also urges Wayne County's school districts and departments not to buy the company's dictionaries.

BOTH NAMED IN
SOUTH AFRICAN
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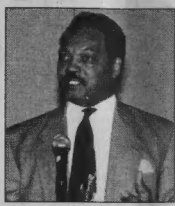
PRETORIA, South Africa (AP) — Former President P.W. Botha ordered the 1988 destruction of a church headquarters, saying it was used by black activists and had become "unholy," his former law and order minister testified recently. The testimony by Adrian Vlok before the Truth and Reconciliation Commission is the most damning ever against the apartheid-era president. The commission is trying to uncover abuses committed during apartheid. The Johannesburg headquarters of the South African Council of Churches was damaged on Aug. 31, 1988.

Nigeria's problems call for vigilance

CHICAGO — The tragic, untimely death of opposition leader Chief Moshood K.O. Abacha on the eve of his release from prison threatens to reverse recent progress towards democratic reforms in Nigeria. Rev. Jackson has spoken with the Abacha family to offer his condolences. He also expressed his desire to help the family and the Nigerian people in any way he can to move forward in Abacha's spirit.

Contemplating Abacha's significance to the Nigerian people, Rev. Jackson said, "Like Mandela, his desire for freedom was connected to his desire for democracy and freedom for the whole nation."

After learning of Abacha's death, Rev. Jackson said, "This



Jesse Jackson sees need to address Africa's current problems.

could be a destabilizing event. I hope the people of Nigeria will gather themselves and use their energy to move forward toward democracy even through their pain, fear and suspicion. We urge the people not to let this alter their quest for democracy and the release of the remaining political prisoners."

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New ruler of Nigeria announces '99 elections

By Gilbert Da Costa
Associated Press Writer

ABUJA, Nigeria (AP) — Sweeping aside the plans of his dictatorial predecessor, Nigeria's new military ruler announced presidential elections for early next year and a return to civilian rule in May 1999.

Gen. Abacha, who came to power six weeks ago following the death of Gen. Sani Abacha, pledged in a televised speech recently to end military rule in Nigeria, saying he would lay the foundation of a truly representative government.

"Nigerians want nothing less than true democracy in a united and peaceful country," he said.

In Bonn, German Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel said his country will urge the European Union to ease sanctions on Nigeria if Abacha keeps his pledge to restore democracy and human rights. Britain also praised Abacha's remarks.

But some Nigerian dissidents were skeptical.

"This new transition program will fail, it will not lead anywhere," said Gani Jawuchind, a Lagos lawyer and a leader of the Joint Action Committee on Nigeria. He noted that Abacha did not repeat a law that gives the government power to arrest people without charge.

Abacha disbanded the national election commission, dissolved five government-sanctioned political par-

ties, canceled the results of elections conducted during the Abacha years and said he would give independence to the judiciary.

Regional and local officials who were elected after Abacha came to power in a bloodless 1993 coup will lose their jobs, said Abacha.

He said his administration had released all political prisoners, a term that in Nigeria means prisoners arrested without charge — and said charges against all political prisoners would be dismissed.

In his speech, Abacha paid tribute to Moshood Abacha, the apparent winner of 1993's annulled presidential elections who died this month of an apparent heart attack while in custody, sparking days of rioting.

Abacha said elections would be held in the first three months of next year, and the new president would be sworn in on May 29.

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Mary Robinson said she was "heartened" by Abacha's statement that Nigerians want true democracy.

"I fervently hope that these commitments will soon be translated into reality," Robinson said.

Emeka Anyaoku, the secretary-general of the Commonwealth of former British colonies, said the speech was "further evidence of his commitment to national reconciliation" and democracy.

Many people, tired of electricity and oil shortages, were more concerned with other aspects of Abacha's address.

Abacha promised to repair the country's roads and education system and to reform its petroleum industry, the bedrock of the economy.

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Joyner-Kerse
ends career at
Goodwill

By Sonya Kimble-Ellis

Goodwill Games IV was the site where Jackie Joyner-Kerse, who has been called the greatest woman athlete who ever lived, ended her track career. Thirty-four-year-old Kerse, who decided to sidestep the hurdles or long jump, competed in the heptathlon against stiff competition.

At a press conference prior to the games, Joyner-Kerse said, "I'm sure this is going to be sad, but I look forward to this being my last heptathlon. The number one thing (reason for leaving) is because of the work I have to do to be the best. But it's a celebration because when I got into athletics it was all about having fun."

Joyner-Kerse holds the world record in the heptathlon which she obtained in the 1988 Seoul Olympics. Her score during those games was 7.291.

This isn't the first Goodwill Games to boast Kerse's name or efforts. In the 1986 Goodwill Games in Moscow, she was the first woman to surpass the 7,000-point mark, scoring 7,148, which became a world record.

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MONDAY, AUGUST 3

NEW YORK — A one-day seminar titled "The Better Business Writing Workshop" held at the New York Marriott East Side. For more information, call 1-800-255-4141.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4

NEWARK — Chase Manhattan Bank hosts a forum where community leaders, economic development officials and members of non-profit organizations will discuss economic development efforts, faith-based community development initiatives and welfare to work initiatives. Sessions will be held from 3-5pm at The Newark Club and 10 a.m. - noon at The Boardwalk House in Paterson. For more information, call 1-888-CHASE-11.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5

FAIRFIELD — A two-day seminar on facilities management held at the Best Western Executive Inn from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. To register or for more information, call 1-800-821-3919.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

EDISON — A comprehensive two-day workshop on Business Writing & Grammar Skills held at the Clarion Hotel at Edison Square. For more information, call 1-800-258-7246.

ATLANTA — The Black Professional Secretaries Association hosts the 9th annual "Professional Development Conference at the Atlanta Renaissance Hotel. Workshops include business writing, time management and the "Virtual Office." For more information, call 770-578-5005.

PENNSYLVANIA — "Come Meet The Buyers!" a public/private forum sponsored by GRI Energy is being held in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. For more information, call 215-893-9977.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

SOMERSET — The Somerset County Chamber of Commerce is accepting nominations for their "Recognition of Outstanding Business People" event on November 4. For more information, call 908-725-1552.

MONDAY, AUGUST 17

EDISON — A one-day seminar titled "Business Writing Basics for Professionals" at the Ramada Inn. For more information, call 1-800-873-7545.

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NMBC takes trade mission to Puerto Rico

NEW YORK — Buoyed by the success of its two previous trade missions to Puerto Rico, The National Minority Business Council, Inc. (NMBC) will be going on a third trade mission to San Juan, Puerto Rico, from Sunday, August 9 to Thursday, August 13, 1998. The NMBC is organizing this year's trade mission in conjunction with The Long Island Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

The trade mission will kickoff on Monday, August 9, with a presentation, "How To Do Business in Puerto Rico," with panelists to include a representative of FOMENTO, The Economic Development Administration of Puerto Rico; Enrique Cortez, president of Puerto Rico Manufacturers Association; Ernest Gonzalez, president of Captree Chemical Corporation and chairman of the NMBC. Other highlights will include a tour of the Pfizer Pharmaceutical plant, a tour of the Baccardi Rum factory, and discussions on meetings between NMBC participants and their Puerto Rican counterparts.

Mr. Gonzalez, NMBC president and chief executive John P. Robinson and Paulette Owens Long, NMBC consultant will lead the NMBC participants. Corporate sponsors of the five-day mission are Goya Foods, Johnson & Johnson, Pfizer, and Bristol Myers Squibb. The trade mission will be housed at the El San Juan Hotel, and a golf tournament is being organized for the attendees.

AT&T honors supplier diversity program, donates \$1.2 million

By Sonya Kimble-Ellis

"The fact that we're celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprise program, says a lot about the partnership we've enjoyed with our suppliers. Supplier diversity has been a constant with AT&T over the past three decades." Those words were uttered via video by Michael Armstrong, Chairman & CEO of AT&T, at a conference recognizing the anniversary of the program and the announcement of AT&T's contribution of \$1.2 million dollars to provide assistance to minority-owned businesses.

The conference, held on July 10 at the AT&T Learning Center in Basking Ridge, was attended by a minority business owners, representatives from AT&T, and corporate suppliers. Attendees heard opening remarks from Frank Iannina, Executive Vice President of AT&T, as well as comments from Harriet Michel, President of the National Minority Supplier Development Council.

Michel expressed excitement about her organization's work with AT&T. "We are thrilled that AT&T has been our partner and we promise to use the money well," she said. "AT&T has to be one of the few corporations in the country that has a program that has been around so long."

She also noted the opportunities

available to MWBEs. "There's more capital than ever," she stressed, "even though there's still capital issues out there for MWBEs in fact. There's certainly more capital for start-up, for companies to expand, and more important, for people to purchase companies."

Guest panelists for the afternoon included Guanawan Sullivan, Chairman of Software House International, Inc.; Phyllis Hill Slater, Immediate Past President, National Association of Women Business Owners; Serafini Mariel, President, New York National Bank; and Maurice Tose, President and CEO of TeleCommunications.

Sullivan, whose company is the third largest software house in the world, stressed that his business could not have been in existence were it not for the MSMD. "Due in part to our association with the organization, we have begun to see ourselves as virtual partners of AT&T or any other corporate in the world," he said. "We are responsible for 2 percent of microsoft total sales globally. We're going to do about \$250 million of microsoft sales this year."

Throughout the discussion, Phyllis Slater expressed concern over the loss of a company's competitive edge in getting contracts from corporations. "I think there are a lot of myths that need to be busted," she stressed. "The biggest one facing us as minority vendors is that



Shown here are panelists at the AT&T Supplier Diversity Anniversary conference are, seated (from left to right), Serafini Mariel, President, New York National Bank; Phyllis Hill Slater, Immediate Past President, National Association of Women Business Owners; Guanawan Sullivan, Chairman, Software House International, Inc.; and Maurice Tose, President and CEO, TeleCommunications Systems, Inc.

maybe we are 'not as qualified.' This word seems to always follow us.

"The weakest link on the management chain (at corporations) is usually the gatekeeper, the lowest man on the totem pole. That's the one who often has the most bias and decides whether

or not you are qualified. And that's who you deal with on a day to day basis."

Tose echoed those sentiments but offered a possible action toward a solution. He suggested that CEO's work to gauge the effectiveness of their

employees in working minority vendors. He urged them to rate their staff on a scale of 1-10. "Until everybody at every level of management cares a little, the CEO will not have effectiveness. The challenge is to get that enthusiasm up to 10."

Financial planning fun facts

Dale G. Caldwell

Financial planning unfortunately scares many people. However, there are some fun facts that are important to know when you invest. Most of the favorites are Dollar-Cost Averaging, the "Rule of 72" and Compound Interest. Hopefully, these fun facts will make financial planning much less intimidating.

Dollar-Cost Averaging is one of the best methods of investing in mutual funds because it is simple and usually effective. All you have to do is invest the same dollar amount in the same mutual fund every month. The benefit of doing this is that you are guaranteed to buy more shares when a mutual fund price is lower and fewer shares when the mutual fund price is higher. Historically, Dollar-Cost Averaging has enabled many mutual fund investors to benefit because of the fluctuations of the price of mutual funds. For example, if you invest \$100 a month and the price of the mutual fund is \$10 per share then you buy 10 shares the first month. If the price of the mutual fund drops to \$5 a share in the second month then you buy 20 shares the second month. Finally, if the price of the mutual fund goes back to \$10 per share you buy another 10 mutual fund shares. You now have a total of 40 mutual fund shares (10 plus 20 plus 10) worth \$400 (40 times \$10). However, you only invest \$300. Because of Dollar-Cost Averaging you were able to increase the value of your mutual fund portfolio even though the price of your mutual fund never went above your purchase price. Dollar-Cost Averaging does not guarantee that you will make money. Nevertheless, it has traditionally been a smart way to invest.

Rule of 72 What if you don't have a calculator and someone asks you the following question: "I have \$10,000 to invest, how long will it take my money to double at a 12 percent interest rate?" Most people would say: "I have no idea!" Most good financial planners would simply refer to the "Rule of 72" and say "approximately 6 years." The "Rule of 72" basically tells you that if you divide the interest rate that you anticipate receiving on an investment by 72 you

will get the approximate number of years that it will take for that investment to double. For example, if you have a constant amount of money to invest and you anticipate that you can get a 10 percent interest rate, then your money will double in 7.2 years. Why is this "Rule of 72" so important? It is an excellent way to quickly determine what you need to invest to achieve your financial goals. Imagine that you want to buy a house in six years. You estimate that you will need \$40,000 for the down payment on the house. However, you only have \$20,000 saved up for the house. Now that you know "The Rule of 72" you recognize that you will have to find an investment that will provide a 12 percent annual interest rate to double your money in 6 years.

Compound Penalties If someone offered you the following choice: work for 30 days at a salary of \$100,000 per day or work for 1 cent the first day and double the payment each subsequent day (i.e., 2 cents the second day, 4 cents the third day, etc.) which scenario would you choose?

Most people would choose to work for 30 days at a salary of \$100,000. Unfortunately, most people don't understand the power of compound interest. By working for 30 days at a salary of \$100,000 you would receive \$3,000,000. However, because of compounding, the second choice would bring you \$539,656,620 making you \$536,656,620 richer than those people who do not understand the power of compound interest.

Now you know three financial planning facts that you should remember when investing. But be careful, sharing these fun facts at parties may establish you as the resident financial planning expert. Enjoy it while you can.

If you would like information on a financial planner in your area e-mail me at dalcaldwell@attus.com.

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Gore announces partnership to aid black-owned businesses

ATLANTA — In a wide-ranging address to over 5,000 delegates at the NAACP's 99th Annual Convention, Vice President Al Gore reaffirmed his support of the nation's largest civil rights organization, and announced a partnership agreement that will increase lending and business assistance to African-American firms. "I'm pleased that this agreement will significantly increase lending to African-American businesses," Gore said. "The NAACP will now be able to provide critical technical assistance and direct loans through its eight Community Development Resource Centers. Together, we will open the doors to this new economy wider than ever before."

Plans call for the SBA to deliver \$1.6 billion worth of loan assistance to African-American-owned businesses by the year 2000.

In his hour-long speech, a fiery Gore also spoke of the need to close the "opportunity gap" as it relates to education, health, economic and a variety of social issues. In order to do that, he said, we must once and for all confront its past, he said, and all Americans must come to understand how the past continues to shape the future.

Those who believe that racism is a remnant of the past and that "the past is the past" are deluding themselves, Gore said, referencing the racially-motivated murder of a black man in Jasper, Texas, and several

other recent hate crimes. "Let's understand the influence that the past has had on the present. It is with us, it has shaped us. We have to understand the past before we can move forward," he said.

"I've heard the critics of affirmative action, those who say we have a color-blind society," Gore continued. "They use their color blind way duck hunters use a duck blind — they hide behind it and hope the ducks won't notice. I believe that America still needs Affirmative Action," Gore said.

In terms of what the Clinton administration has done on the employment front, Gore said that in the last 5 1/2 years the pair have appointed more African Americans, Hispanics, Asian Americans, and Native Americans to Cabinet Positions and judgeships than ever before in American history.



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'E-Myth' explains what works in business

SANTA ROSE, CA — Revolutionary business author, iconoclast and entrepreneur, Michael E. Gerber is challenging the business world once again with his fourth and newest E-Myth book, *The E-Myth Manager - Why Management Doesn't Work and What To Do About It* (HarperBusiness).

Gerber's first best-seller, *The E-Myth Man: Why Most Small Businesses Don't Work and What To Do About It*, was first published in 1986. In his usual cut-to-the-chase style, Gerber's new book, *The E-Myth Manager*, further elaborates on why business people everywhere suffer from a false, and often fatal, assumption about what works and what doesn't in the creation of a successful company. At the heart of this assumption is what Gerber calls The E-Myth, or the entrepreneurial myth.

The assumption is that corporations are created by entrepreneurs, when in fact most companies aren't. According to Gerber, most companies are created instead by technicians suffer-

ing from an entrepreneurial seizure. "Technicians go to work 'in' the business," says Gerber, "rather than 'on' the business as a true entrepreneur would."

The impact of this mindset on the people in a company as well as the growth of the company itself is most often profound and tragic. The E-Myth Manager brings \$29.95 a copy to show you how to do about The E-Myth and how to turn it into their advantage.

Gerber should know. His company, The E-Myth Academy, has

consulted with more than 15,000 small to mid-size businesses, and tens of thousands of managers world-wide, making it the largest small business development firm of its kind. His E-Myth Certified Consultants are located throughout the world, in Australia, New Zealand, Canada, the U.K., Hungary and the United States. Gerber calls his Academy "the only business school of its kind."

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Local Briefs

Coalition sponsors Central Ward Night Out

NEWARK—A group of organizations including Central Ward Coalition, Friendly Field Neighborhood Centers, Inc. and Managed Healthcare Systems, have banded together to hold "Newark Night Out Central Ward's Night Out Against Crime." The event will take place on August 4 from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Hank Aaron Sports Complex, Clark and Brown Streets.

The organizations goal is to "stop all the negativity and build a positive environment for our families and communities in the City of Newark." Other activities will take place in the city on that date. For further information, call Friendly Field at 973-642-2747.

Lions Club installs new members

PLAINFIELD—The Lions Club of Plainfield recently installed its officers and directors who will serve in their elected capacities until June 1999. The ceremonies were held at the Willows Restaurant in Green Brook and were conducted by Past District Cabinet Secretary Douglas Schems, Jr., a member of the Westfield Lions Club.

Plainfield resident, Charles R. "Pete" Brown is the new president of the club. Assisting him in administrative and operations activities will be Vice President, Daniel Frisch, Union Secretary, Bert "Barney" Barnett, Plainfield; and Treasurer, Patricia Buckley, South Plainfield. Board members include Rev. David Quiring, Plainfield; Errol Warner, M.D., Fanwood and Robert Reid, Dunellen.

Improvements finished ahead of schedule

PLAINFIELD—Road improvements to Woodland Avenue from Marlborough Avenue to the South Plainfield line have been finished more than a month ahead of schedule. The Plainfield Information Office said this is a step contract to the first phase of the road improvements, begun two years ago, which languished partially finished for months, to the great annoyance of both those who use the road and those who live on neighboring streets.

"We are delighted that the contract on this portion of the work was able to perform so quickly and minimize the disruption to traffic on Woodland Avenue and in the surrounding neighborhoods," said City Administrator Walter D. McNeil, Jr.

Officially known as "Phase 1-B," the work consisted of installing new curbs and gutters, making improvements to the storm sewers and buttressing the shoulders of the road at points where the terrain pitches steeply towards the road, as well as resurfacing and doing some landscaping work.

Labor dept. awards contract to Rutgers

NEW BRUNSWICK/PLAINFIELD—Rutgers' Center for Employment Policy and Workforce Development, part of the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy, has been awarded a \$1 million task-order contract from the U.S. Department of Labor.

The center provides a university-wide focal point for research and teaching in workforce development and policy. Its main activities include the research and evaluation of workforce development programs, the dissemination of best practices for the improvement of programs and services, and the education and training of professional and volunteers involved in the design and delivery of workforce development programs.

The competitive contract can be renewed up to three additional years for a maximum value of \$4 million, accord to center Executive Director William A. Tracy. "The task-order contract enables the center to do research, evaluation and technical assistance for the Employment and Training Administration of the Department of Labor, on projects valued up to \$1 million annually," he said.

Cablevision winners 'Shoot for the Stars'

NEWARK—Cablevision of Newark and Lifetime Television helped bring ten young women closer to achieving their goals by granting them each a \$1,000 scholarship in the "Shoot for the Stars" sweepstakes. Barbara Mosquera, 19, and Jennifer Wojtasik, 15, of Newark were two of the lucky winners. Winners were presented their scholarships at Madison Square Garden during half-time at the June 26th WNBA New York Liberty game. The presentation was broadcast on Lifetime Television. Also, during half-time winners participated in an obstacle course and free-throw competition for the Grand Prize of an additional \$1,000.

The purpose of the sweepstakes was to encourage women between the ages of 12 and 24, to think about their futures. The entrants were

asked to submit, as part of their application, a short essay expressing their personal hopes and dreams. Ms. Mosquera said in her essay that she hopes to own her own business, and therefore provide future immigrants with employment opportunities. Ms. Wojtasik dreams of becoming a famous singer.

Cablevision on Newark has again been selected as a winner in the 1998 Hometown Video Festival for "Overall Excellence" for a fourth consecutive year. This is one of the premiere awards in local programming nationwide. The cable system was selected out of a pool of more than 1,400 entries. The local programming show, "Brick City" was also acknowledged individually for its outstanding achievements. "Brick City" won in the category of "Informational Series."



"Shoot for the Stars" sweepstakes winners celebrate with, from left, Cablevision Mid-Jersey General Manager Richard Demarest, Cablevision Mid-Jersey Director of Public & Government Affairs Don Vignone, Sweepstakes winner Wojtasik, Cablevision Mid-Jersey Director of Public & Government Affairs Don Vignone, Sweepstakes winner Mosquera, Lifetime President Doug McCormick, and New Jersey State Senator Wynona Lipman.

The first family standing strong

Newark Mayor Sharpe James, at center in photo at right, takes the oath of office at his fourth inaugural ceremony while his wife, Mary, holds the Bible and his three sons, from left, John, Kevin and Elliott stand with him.



Queen City teen mother program gets funding

PLAINFIELD—The Johnson and Johnson Companies of Somerset County made a \$15,000 donation to the Plainfield Teen Parenting Program, Inc., which provides infant and toddler day care at Plainfield High School for teen mothers.

This is the second year in a row that the company has contributed to the program. The funds will be used for educational and support programs for teen mothers who wish to complete a high school education. The Teen Parenting Program has become a national model for other school districts in the country that seek to prevent students from dropping out of high school due to pregnancy.

In the nine years since the program has been operating in Plainfield, more than 85 young women completed a high school education.

Because of support from contributors such as Johnson and Johnson, full case management, including home visits, has been implemented in the program," said Louise Yohalem, director of the School Based Youth Services Program which operates the teen parenting program. Eleven teen mothers graduated from high school this year. Ten of them will be going on to higher education. Seven schools in the state have modeled programs after the Plainfield program.

Williams receives education award



Dr. Donald B. Williams, Jr. at left, and Woodrow Holmes, Jr. at right, honor Barbara Williams.

By Avery Green
ABERDEEN—Barbara A. Williams is pictured with Woodrow Holmes, Jr., chairman of the Monmouth County Workforce Investment Board, right, and Dr. Donald B. Williams, superintendent of Red Bank Regional High School. Williams received the WIB Education Partnership Award at its 7th Annual Partnership Award Dinner at the Garden Marquee, Aberdeen.

She is a widely recognized and committed crusader for young people, as a specialist for School, Community relations at the Matavon-Aberdeen Regional School District, and as director of Youth to Youth of New Jersey. Youth to Youth is an international organization with the goal of harnessing the powerful influence of peer pressure through youth leadership training.

Williams helped create and coordinate the 1994 Education and Economic Empowerment Family Conference, the 1995 Candlelight Walk for Children, the 1996 Save All Youth...Yes Every Soul, Say Yes Conference, and the 1998 Youth of New Jersey World Peace Summit.

Laurence M. Downes, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of New Jersey Resources Corporation, received the WIB Business Partnership Award for its subsidiary, New Jersey Natural Gas Company. Stephen C. Hornik president of the Monmouth-Ocean Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO, received the Labor Partnership Award. And Harry Larsson, Jr., Director of the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders received the WIB Government Partnership Award.

Interest on late charges dropped

NEWARK—City residents have reason to celebrate during the summer. The City of Newark has reduced the interest rates on delinquent property taxes, water and sewer fees and other municipal charges, city officials recently announced.

According to Ronald Jean, Finance Director for the City, from now through September 30, 1998, individuals who have overdue balances on their property taxes, tax abatement, water/sewer, payroll and parking lot taxes can pay the delin-

quencies with only 4 and 9 percent interest charges, as opposed to the regular 8 and 18 percent, Jean said.

"It's the City's way of helping residents achieve a clean slate and at the same time, we increase our collection rate."

"We have had other successful and innovative programs to help residents bring their accounts current," said Michelle R. Jones, Municipal Tax Collector. "This interest rate reduction is part of Mayor James campaign promise to cash back into the taxpayer's pocket."

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Claiming your kin: So, how's the family, CeCe?

By gr. mattox

Family reunions are a time to bask in an atmosphere of love as people who may have never met hug and claim kinship with each other. It's also a time to hear the telling or re-telling of those famous family stories that make you laugh, make you sad, or make you think.

John Berry Glenn was born a slave in South Carolina in 1823. He and his Native American wife Winna bore nine children, and at last count there were about 700 descendants of this couple. During the 1960s extensive genealogical charts of the descendants were made of at least three of the sons down to the fourth and fifth generation.

It's my personal contention that everybody has someone famous in their family, albeit may be distant or very removed. I recently sought out a meeting with a distant cousin from this family to introduce myself and claim my kinship.

This cousin, Grammy Award Gospel singer CeCe Winans was in town recently with a jam-packed weekend schedule: she made an appearance on "Good Day New York" and the following Saturday appeared at Central Park SummerStage and the opening of the Goodwill Games in the same day.

This grueling regime started with an appearance at Macy's Herald Square to celebrate the success of her second solo album *Everlasting Love*. The mother of two was radiant. Traveling with her son and daughter, she proceeded to answer questions from the audience, perform two of her songs, and sign autographs and take pictures with about 200 patrons of the "World's Largest Store."

During the question and answer period, she fielded questions about some of her close-knit brothers and sisters. She is the oldest girl and her brother and singing partner BeBe (Benjamin) is the youngest boy. They have always been close, and the audience wanted to know if they would sing together again. "We will real soon," she said. "It was planned a long time ago that we sing as individuals,

but we love singing together. That's my favorite place to sing, next to BeBe."

Another person asked about brothers Marvin, Carvin, Michael and Ronald who form the singing quartet, "They'll be back in the studio soon. Let's kind of hard right now because Marvin is a pastor, and that's a full-time job. But they do have plans and you're gonna hear from them soon."

After the appearance, I got a chance to introduce myself to CeCe—or Priscilla as she is listed in the reunion journal. "Are you supposed to be my cousin?" she asked as she autographed her photo for my mother. I showed her a copy of the dactylographic of John Berry Glenn, our great-great grandfather, and a photo I once took of her parents, David and Delores Winans. Her manager then ushered us into a quiet room for a few minutes.

Sitting across the table from her, the radiant CeCe emanated at Macy's center stage is only slightly dimmed by fatigue. I gotta give her one of the highest compliments one family member can give another—she's as beautiful-looking as her mama. She's also warm, gracious, and slightly curious about our relationship.

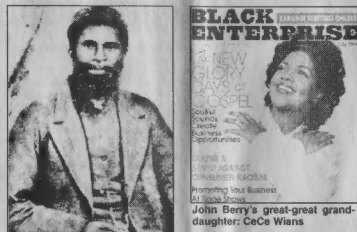
"Who did you say you were?" she said, looking at me closely. I explain that our great grandfathers, Leard David and William Douglas Glenn were brothers, and the son of the man in the dactylographic.

As great-great granddaughters of John Berry Glenn, we are third cousins. Her children, Alvin and Ashley, are my third cousins once removed.

As one of 10 children herself, CeCe knows about large family. "I think this is great, and so fascinating," she said as she looked through the book, "My grandmother Laura (Leard David's daughter) really kept up with this stuff, and told the history to my dad. My dad would know it all." In Detroit, where Laura House reared David, who in turn brought up his ten kids, it was these two who were the main organizers of those reunions in the 80's.



Just one more photo, please: After a long and tiring day, CeCe Winans and her children, Alvin and Ashley, made a little more time to take one more photo with me.



The starting point: John Berry Glenn started his life as a slave in South Carolina.

Because the number of her siblings and their children is so large, busy and far-flung now, they don't get together as much as they would like. "Sad to

be in Nashville, Tennessee. Brothers David and Daniel are also in the music business."

"Mama and Dad come down to see us all the time," she reported. Even though they still live in Detroit they do live in Nashville part-time."

People were wondering if it was planned that *Everlasting Love*, and CeCe's recent self-titled CD come out at the same time. "Anybody that records knows that you can aim for a release date and it never really happens," she said. "His was supposed to come out a little earlier than it did, but both recordings are out now and doing great."

In addition to the CD and the appearance schedule, there's her gospel music program, *CeCe's Place*, on the Oxygene Channel every Sunday. "CeCe's Place is a great place to be," she said. "I am having a great time doing it. It's a music show that you can tune in to and you're guaranteed to be uplifted. You'll smile before it's all over with."

She's starting work on a book, too. Her writing will discuss God's principles that she has encountered.

How can this busy woman balance all this stuff? I kind of knew the answer already, because it runs in the family. "I

been doing it for so long that it's a way of life for me," she said. "But I am blessed with wonderful people around me that help me balance things—without help I couldn't do it."

She continued, "It helps when you have your priorities straight—where God is first, your family comes right after that, and everything else you have to do comes after that."

Back out on the street after the interview I noted the activity and all the people around me at around nine in the evening. I thought that the man carrying the briefcase could be my cousin from John Berry's daughter Amanda, the woman wiping the store windows could be a cousin from John Berry's son Thompson clan. In fact, as we are all descended from Adam, we're all cousins.

I watched as CeCe and her children were led to the limo. Standing on 34th Street as the long car drove away, I thought of a passage in the Scriptures. The Gospel According to Matthew, Chapter 18, Verse 20 says: *For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.*

The John Berry Glenn Family reunion will be held in Cherry Hill, NJ, August 7 through 9.

Betty Shabazz Retreat Center speaks to the miracle of faith



Board members of the Betty Shabazz Wholistic Retreat Center—seated left to right: Susan L. Taylor, Grady Owens, Attallah Shabazz, July Owens, and Beverly Daniels. Standing from left: Chester Grundy, Adeyemi Bantale, Professor David Hall, Jack Thomas, Dr. Morris F.X. Jeff, Jr., John Howell, Khephra Burns and Dr. Na'im Akbar.



OTISVILLE, NY—For sixty years, Kings Lodge, a Black-owned resort in Otisville, New York, had provided tranquil respite for African-American families, including such notable sibs as Dr. Charles Drew, A. Phillip Randolph, Jack Robinson and Wilt Chamberlain. But the resort fell upon hard times and last year came within hours of foreclosure by a local lending institution. It looked like the end of an era, the sad reiteration of an off-told tale of enterprising African-Americans who nevertheless lose businesses and land that have been theirs for generations.

Instead, in time, Kings Lodge was reborn as the Betty Shabazz Wholistic Retreat Center. There at the Centers' inaugural weekend retreat, Attallah Shabazz, eldest daughter of Malcolm X and the late Dr. Betty Shabazz, best-selling

author Iyanla Vanzant, the inspiring

Susan L. Taylor, editor-in-chief of Essence magazine, and the powerfully motivational Dr. Na'im Akbar all spoke on "The Miracle of Faith." The twenty-acre site, nestled at the foot of the Catskill Mountains in scenic upstate New York, is the fulfillment of a long-held dream of the National Black Wholistic Society (NBWS) to establish a permanent home for the culturally inspiring and spiritually rejuvenating retreats it began sponsoring annually in 1985. In 1988, the NBWS first brought the National Black Wholistic Retreat to Kings Lodge.

NBWS founders David Hall, Haki Madhubuti, John Howell, Jack Thomas, Morris Jeff, Chester Grundy, Jesse Carter and Kamau Jafari, who became known affectionately as the Brothers to retreat participants, had been searching for a Black-owned venue. And "Kings Lodge had a way of making us feel very comfortable and very much at

home," recalls David Hall, provost and senior vice president of Northeastern University.

The Brothers, who had first come together in 1960 around issues of economic development, spirituality and political and cultural awareness, felt that the apparent lull in the Movement at that time was due in part to the fact that people who had been working in the struggle were turned out. "The political winds were shifting," Hall says, "and something was needed that would say to these sisters and brothers, 'Keep on keepin' on, there are others around who support you.'"

That something was the National Black Wholistic Retreat. It not only attracted such intellectually stimulating and inspiring speakers as Dr. Betty Shabazz, Dr. Asa G. Hilliard, the late Dr. John Henrik Clarke and Sonia Sanchez, as well as Vanzant, Taylor and Akbar, but also addressed the physical, spiritual and mutual needs of audiences so that the whole person was rejuvenated.

Proprietors Judy and Grady Owens and the Kings Lodge staff became part of the NBWS family. Family was the tradition at Kings Lodge. By 1987 the resort had been home to vacationing Black families for fifty years.

Last year the founders of the NBWS returned to Kings Lodge to talk about the future. It was then that Judy and Grady Owens confided to them that they were losing the resort because of the decline in business. But the Brothers immediately determined that they could partner with Kings Lodge, raise the money to keep it alive and also fulfill their own dream of having a permanent site for the National Black Wholistic Retreat.

"It was as if divine forces were coming together so that we could be there at that time," says Hall, who believes the spirit of Betty Shabazz was also present. The meeting culminated with the memorial service for Dr. Shabazz in New York City.

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Author and gentle man Harold Jones

Harold S. Jones, aka Mr. Manners' in *For Men Only*, provides information vital to men of all social and economic backgrounds. This critically-needed, topical guide covers a variety of matters from how to buy a suit to dating, from how to get along with your boss to how to act in a nightclub. Male sexuality is discussed in a simple factual manner. The myth and mystery of the streets and the locker room are clarified. Many questions about handling a wide variety of situations are answered in an authoritative, easy-to-read and thorough manner.

In *For Men Only*, Jones helps men, fill in the gaps resulting from inadequate guidance and poor social skills. Men are taught the "lessons of a lifetime," and learn to understand the nature and the process of truly becoming a gentle man. In other words, how to have class and style in today's world.

Whereas we like it or not, young men copy the behavior of their elders. We need top quality role/leadership models. For Men Only teaches and encourages men to develop leadership skills early in life so as to be able to produce lifelong dividends for themselves as well as the others in their lives.

According to Jones, "We need men from all walks of life who are right thinkers and doers to mentor and develop themselves and the next generation of men."

For Men Only is intended to be a reference, personally used to fill in the gaps, and passed on to others. It's a must read for all men from 18 to 80.

Health Calendar

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

NEWARK: Blood drive from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Columbus Hospital. For further information, call 973-268-3674.

THURSDAY, JULY 30

PLAINFIELD: Blood drive sponsored by the Greater Plainfield Area Chapter of the Red Cross and New Jersey Blood Services at National Starch and Chemicals. Call 908-758-6414.

FRIDAY, JULY 31

ELIZABETH: Elizabeth General Medical Center offers "Heart to Heart," a free support group for people with cardiac disease. Call 908-629-8540.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

EDISON: The Third Annual Family Health Fair sponsored by the Metuchen-Edison Branch of the NAACP at Edison Job Corps. Call 732-205-9888.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

WESTFIELD: The National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence of Union County will hold a three day workshop on Assessment. Call for further information and registration, 908-233-8810.

Heart program planned for Muhlenberg

PLAINFIELD—On July 1, Solaris Health System submitted an application to the New Jersey Department of Health and Human Services requesting a Certificate of Need to perform cardiac surgery at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield, an affiliate of Solaris Health System. The proposal was submitted in response to the state's call for such applications.

Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center and Solaris Health System have the depth of resources needed to bring a cardiac surgery program to an area clearly in need," says President and CEO of Solaris Health System John P. McGee.

Over the past seven years, Muhlenberg's high-risk Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory has performed more than 5,700 diagnostic procedures, with 55 percent of those patients being sent to surgical centers outside of Union County for cardiac surgery or angioplasty. Muhlenberg, along with its affiliate, JFK Medical Center in Edison, offers a full range of diagnostic and interventional services for cardiac patients. "Cardiac surgery is the missing piece in the extensive range of services we now provide," says McGee.

Currently, there is no cardiac surgery program in Union County, Somerset County or northern Middlesex County. The nearest facility is 45 minutes away.

The longer the patient has to travel, the greater the chance of delays in the referral process," explains Howard Sener, M.D., chief of Cardiology at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center. "The distance delays the patient's transport to critical care, which in turn is putting the patient's life at risk. Not to mention, distance makes travel difficult for family members and can put a financial strain on some."

As we have been preparing this cardiac surgery application, we have received tremendous support from government officials, community organizations, residents of the communities we serve, patients, physicians, hospital members and employees—support which is not only gratifying, but also demonstrates the need for opening a cardiac surgery program," states McGee, who says the decision is expected to take about six months.

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New Jersey receives federal grant for birth defects research

TRENTON — The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has chosen New Jersey as one of only seven states to participate in a national research project to better understand the causes of birth defects.

Over the next five years, the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services will receive approximately \$3.5 million in grants to establish a Center for Birth Defects Research and Prevention. The department will receive \$750,000 in 1998, and similar amounts in each of the next four years.

Birth defects continue to be the leading cause of infant mortality in both the state and the nation, although most affected children do not die in infancy. Few birth defects can be linked to a single cause, and in more than half of all cases, the

cause of the birth defect remains unknown.

"We are very pleased the CDC has selected us to join its major national effort to better understand, and ultimately prevent, birth defects," Health and Senior Services Commissioner Len Fishman said. "New Jersey has a long-standing commitment to tracking the occurrence of these defects and to linking children with special needs to necessary services."

The department also released a report giving an overview of children born with birth defects or other special needs conditions over a 10-year period. Special Child Health Services Registry Birth Years 1985-1994 updates previous reports published in 1994 and 1989.

The report shows that each year, 4,000 children with birth defects representing some 3.5 percent of

births in the state — are reported to the registry. Nationally, from 3 to 5 percent of all births are affected by birth defects. In New Jersey, another 5,000 children are registered annually with special needs conditions such as asthma, prematurity or learning disabilities. Children up to age 21 may be reported with special needs conditions, and although reporting is not mandatory, it is encouraged so that children can be linked with needed services.

The rate of birth defects has increased since mandatory reporting began in 1985. This is likely due to both improved reporting, including annual hospital audits conducted by the department, and advances in medical technology that allow infants to survive and receive an accurate diagnosis.

In conducting research, the state will also be aided by its Electronic

Birth Certificate system — on-line reporting of births by the state's maternity hospitals and birthing centers.

As a federal Center for Birth Defects Research and Prevention, the department will participate with seven other centers in the national Birth Defects Risk Factor Surveillance Program. The seven include centers operated by the state of Arkansas, California, Iowa, Massachusetts, New York and Texas, as well as the Metropolitan Atlanta Congenital Defects Program operated by the CDC.

This national surveillance program will create a continuing information resource on 30 major birth defects. This resource may provide information about the potential causes of birth defects. The ultimate goal is to develop effective prevention programs.



Harwood appointed Beth Israel vice president

NEWARK — Joan T. Harwood, R.N., B.S.N., M.A., has been appointed Vice President of Administration at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center.

In her new role Ms. Harwood is administratively responsible for physical and rehabilitation medicine services, pharmacy, anesthesia, biomedical engineering, media resources, food services, the medical center's volunteer program and its medical library.

"I welcome the opportunity to move to the next level of health care administration and look forward to the challenges ahead," she said.

Harwood joined Newark Beth Israel Medical Center in 1994 as director of nursing of the adult critical care division and most recently served as the interim vice president of nursing and as director of patient satisfaction. Ms. Harwood created the Department of Patient Satisfaction at the medical center in 1996. "Joan's clinical knowledge and her ability to interact successfully with patients, physicians, employees, and the community were significant factors in her ability to increase patient satisfaction at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center," said Paul Mertz, executive director. "I have great confidence in her skills and believe that in her new role she will continue to be a positive force in the medical center."

Prior to joining Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, Ms. Harwood was Director of Nursing at Saint Michael's Medical Center in Newark. She also served in several capacities at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, University Hospital in Newark, including Associate Director of Nursing, Assistant Director of Nursing-Medical, and Director of Nursing. Before that she served as a staff nurse at facilities including the Veterans Administration Medical Center in East Orange, Mount Sinai Hospital in Montclair, and New York Hospital.

Ms. Harwood graduated with a nursing degree from Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Saint Michael, Barbados; graduated cum laude with a B.S.N. from Rutgers University; and earned an M.A. degree in nursing from New York University.

Wanted: loving homes for homeless babies



PLAINFIELD—The Plainfield Area YMCA has begun to place Boarder Babies in foster homes as part of their resident Alternative Program. These babies are medically able to leave the hospital but temporarily remain there as boarders because they have no place to go. This places hospitals in a very important but often inappropriate role when children stay in hospital for weeks, months and sometimes a year because they have no other home.

Research shows that infants require consistency in primary caregivers for critical bonding that can only be provided in the family-like setting within the home.

The Resident Alternative Program provides temporary care for boarder babies on their way to permanent arrangements.

For further information, please contact Carol Anderson Lewis at 908-758-6060.

Keys to positive, abundant health

By Marilyn Johnson Kondwani, M.A.

In a survey taken last year by the Research Coalition on Health Care 81 percent of Americans aged 18 to 34 said they'd like to have more information so they would feel more confident about making their medical care decisions.

In response to this great need, twice a month, "It's About Your Health" will nourish your mind, body and spirit with the latest health news, product reviews, and interviews from leading experts in the field of modern medicine.

Homicide, obesity, cancer, diabetes, AIDS, high blood pressure, heart disease, and other deadly illnesses plague the African-American community at a disproportionately higher rate than in the white community.

With the current upheaval in the health-care delivery system, taking a charge of your health is more important than ever. No amount of doctors advice, pills, surgery, or procedures will ever pray for others can make you healthy if you do not think positively.

"It's About Your Health," a health education resource for the body, mind, and spirit, will be heard from you. Send your questions or comments to 414 S. Craig Street #271, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15213.

Arming black men against prostate cancer

By Minister Abdul Alim Muhammad, M.D.

On Oct. 16, 1995, the day of the historic Million Man March (MMM), the call was made for atonement, reconciliation and responsibility. Responsibility means taking charge, being accountable, being active and proactive when children stay in hospital for weeks, months and sometimes a year because they have no other home.

One area that needs responsibility on the part of Black men is that of cancer. Black men in America have the highest cancer rate of any ethnic group in the world. The cancer incidence rates for all sites for Black men in America (between the years 1988 and 1992) was 560 per 100,000 population. For Black females, the rate was 326 per 100,000 (an incidence rate that is just 58 percent of the male rate). These figures, compiled by the American Cancer Society, showed that Native Americans have the highest cancer rate of any ethnic group in the world. So much for the old wives tale that, "Black people don't get cancer."

Actually it wasn't until 1969 that the first major Black cancer incidence study was done in the United States, revealing that the truth was quite different from the popular mythology. Even today, many

Blacks are blissfully unaware of the increase cancer risk that they face.

To state it succinctly, the most important risk factor for prostate cancer in the United States is to be a black male. When one looks at statistics, an explosive rise in the rate of prostate cancer among black males started about 1989.

These risks include: 1) poor diet (one full of meats and saturated fats and lacking in fruits and vegetables, fiber, a good antioxidant); 2) smoking (which is the number one cause of lung cancers and cancers of the tongue,

mouth, head and neck — just name a few); 3) the immediate consumption of alcohol, which can directly cause cancer or serve as a co-factor with other risks and 4) environmental factors. (i.e., chemical pollutants often found in Black communities, the literal dumping ground for toxic waste of every sort).

Other risk factors may include stress, repressed emotions, obesity and certain common viral infections. When it is understood and appreciated that Blacks in general, and Black males in particular, have a higher exposure to these risk factors than our higher incidence of cancer is quite understandable.

To state it succinctly, the most important risk factor for prostate cancer in the United States is to be a black male. When one looks at the statistics, an explosive rise in the rate of prostate cancer among black males started about 1989. Since that time it has more than doubled. So, what accounts for this explosive exponential growth rate?

PSA determinations and a digital, rectal examination are quite accurate in identifying the presence of cancer in the prostate.

Preventive measures are difficult to ascertain since the specific causes of prostate cancer remain unknown. However, it makes good sense to eat a healthy diet consisting of large amounts and varieties of fresh fruits and vegetables and decreased amounts of meats and other foods containing saturated fats. Avoidance of smoking, alcoholic beverages, drugs and exposure to environmental pollutants and infections (largely undetermined) all play a role in a preventive strategy. The above measures will also help to reduce the risk of all other types of cancers as well as

heart disease, diabetes, hypertension and stroke.

Since older men are more likely to develop cancer of the prostate than younger men, at what age should a man be tested? So what age should any African-American man with a positive family history of prostate cancer or with one or more of the risk factors associated with prostate cancer should have a yearly digital exam and PSA determination beginning at age 40. Others disagree, but I recommend yearly check-ups at 40, along with other routine health checks to ensure basic, general good health in all areas.

Dr. Muhammad is head of the Abundant Life Clinic in Washington, D.C.

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Religion Calendar

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

PLAINFIELD—House of Prayer Church of God in Christ invites you to a "Summer Revival" with Evangelist David Williams of Atlanta, Ga. through July 29 through Friday, 7:30 p.m. 908-581-8696.

PLAINFIELD—Christian Fellowship Gospel Church will have their 7th annual tent service through July 31st at 7:30 p.m. 908-789-6887.

NEW BRUNSWICK—"Another Chance," a gospel musical drama written by Melodie Marie Ford, will be held at Crossroads Theatre Company through August 2nd. 724-249-5560 or 724-247-2981.

FRIDAY, JULY 31

PATERSON—The official opening of the Gloria Miley Restaurant will be held 5 p.m. at Gloria Miley at Church - Lower level. 973-790-6000

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

PLAINFIELD—Calling all teens and young adults! Bring your friends to "Youth Explosion '98" at 6 p.m. at Christian Fellowship Gospel Church. 908-789-6888

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4

SPRINGFIELD—The Faith Tabernacle Outreach Ministries, Inc. will hold its 14th annual Holy Convocation at the Holiday Inn, Route 22. 908-757-6358

Children's Defense Fund holds fourth annual institute for child advocacy ministry

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Children's Defense Fund (CDF) and the Black Community Crusade for Children (BCCC) will hold the 1998 Samuel DeWitt Proctor Institute for Child Advocacy Ministry Monday, July 20 through Friday, July 24 at the former Alex Haley Farm in Clinton, Tenn.

Religious leaders and other faith-based children's advocates will gather at the Institute for a week of continuing education, networking, and spiritual renewal. Participants will explore theologies related to children and advocacy, hear inspiring preaching on children's concerns, gain solid, up-to-date information on children's needs, and acquire new skills, models, and strategies to implement programs that help children and strengthen families.

We are heartened that religious leaders who are attending the Institute are putting children first in their ministries," said BCCC National Director Barbara Kelley Duncan. "Through their commitment, they are working to ensure that we leave No Child Behind."

This year, the Institute will focus on the healthy development of children and the role of families, congregations, child care, and after-school programs. Speakers include Diana Jones Wilkins, director of the church child initiative and work force development for the North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center; David Hombeck, Philadelphia

Superintendent of Schools; and BCCC Co-Chair Geoffrey Canada, president and CEO, Rheaeden Centers for Children and Families.

Each day, the Institute will open with morning devotions led by the Rev. Dr. Otis Moss Jr., pastor of the Cleveland's Olivet Institutional Baptist Church, and will end with the inspiring words of nationally renowned preachers, such as the Rev. Dr. Fred McPherson, Jr., pastor of the Great Preachers Series. Participants in the Great Preachers Series include:

The Rev. Barbara Brown Taylor, pastor at Piedmont College in Demorest, Ga. An Episcopal priest in the Diocese of Atlanta, the Rev. Taylor has served on the faculties of McCormick Seminary, Princeton Theological Seminary and Western Theological Seminary.

Father Walter J. Burghardt, S.J., who has taught historical theology for 32 years at Woodstock College and the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. A distinguished theologian, Father Burghardt has served as editor-in-chief of the journal Theological Studies for the past 23 years and has published 18 books and 260 journal articles, and was named one of the "10 most effective preachers" in English-speaking world by Baylor University.

The Rev. Dr. Jean Brown Campbell, general secretary of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA (NCC) in New

York City. The first woman to serve as general secretary of the NCC, which she has headed since 1991, Rev. Campbell is an ordained minister in both the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the American Baptist Churches in the USA.

The Rev. Dr. Franklin Hall, pastor of the Mt. Sharon Baptist Church in Philadelphia. A noted preacher and educator, the Rev. Hall has served as a lecturer in African American Ministries and a lecturer in Christian Ethics at United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio. He was a member of the Freedom Movement of the 1960s as a freedom rider and member of the United Nonviolent Coordinating Committee. He currently chairs the BCCC's Black Church Initiative and in 1991 was selected by Ebony magazine as one of America's 15 greatest Black women preachers.

The Rev. Dr. H. Beecher Flicks Jr., senior minister of Metropolitan Baptist Church in Washington, D.C. Dr. Flicks is a member of the Board of Directors of the Washington Urban League and chairs the religious council of the United Negro College Fund. Ebony magazine named him one of the 15 greatest Black preachers in America in 1993.

"CDI ministers in to 'Leave No Child Behind' and to ensure every child has a Healthy Start, a Head Start, a Fair Start, a Safe Start, and a Moral Start in life and succeed past adulthood with the help of caring families and communities."

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By Reginald T. Jackson

As a result of the April 23rd shooting on the New Jersey Turnpike, a lot of attention has been focused on the issue of racial profiling. The lack of cameras at the scene of minorities in the New Jersey State Police. For more than a decade minorities have charged that they have been stopped by the State Police because of race and stereotyped as drug dealers and users.

In fact a judge in a case in Gloucester County ruled that blacks were five times more likely to be stopped by the State Police than whites and that many of the stops were not for traffic violations or any other infractions, but solely for race. Additionally retired State Troopers testified that profiling does take place.

It has now been more than two months since the shooting and many in our community are wondering how it is happening and if we will let this shooting pass unanswered as we have so many other things. This very concern was raised at a New Jersey Conference of Mayors Forum on June 30th in Newark. It is a very legitimate concern. However this shooting is not and cannot go unanswered. Something already is happening.

First, the Black Ministers Council advised the attorney general to appoint a state grand jury as opposed to a Mercer County grand jury. A state grand jury has been appointed. An investigation is presently underway by a specially appointed prosecutor who will present his findings to the state grand jury.

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The Pastor's Word

Reverend Reginald T. Jackson

other organizations and components in this recruitment effort. Right now the make up the New Jersey State Police does not reflect the make up of New Jersey.

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Trin-i-tee 5:7 adds flavor to their message



Trin-i-tee 5:7

NEW ORLEANS—The name Trin-i-tee 5:7 is taken from 1 John 5:7, which speaks of three becoming one to bear witness of Christ. These three became one when New Orleans-based entrepreneur Kenneth Grant, sought to create a cool, exciting, all female group that has secular appeal but is sold out to the Lord. While at his church, Greater St. Stephens Full Gospel Baptist Church, he was blown away by a solo sung by Chanelle. He immediately concluded that she would be part of this group. Chanelle, while eating at a fast food restaurant, "coincidentally" ran into Angel, an old high school friend she had competed against in several contests. Angel was asked to join Chanelle and Kenneth completed the threesome. This group, Chanelle, with its church's Young Adult Choir. Trin-i-tee 5:7 was born.

Chanelle Haynes, whose smoky tenor voices are peppered with tracks from Toni Braxton and Anita Baker; Angel Taylor, whose angelic soprano voice reminds you of Brandy and

Monica, and Terri Brown, whose "I'll stand alone" you feel like you are at a holy ghost filled revival. Together, these powerfully harmonious voices blend perfectly to deliver a sweet, spiritually satisfying feast for the mind, heart and soul.

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Brotherhood

By Junious Ricardo Stanton

"I believe in the brotherhood of all men, but I don't believe in waiting brotherhood on anyone who doesn't want to practice it with me. Brotherhood is not waiting in the street. Brotherhood should be practiced with a man just because his skin is white. Brotherhood should hinge upon the deeds and attitudes of a man." Malcolm X

All living things, even single celled animals contain a spark of the animating life force that provides life and consciousness or awareness of being alive. In that regard all creatures are of the same essence, but not the same form or level of consciousness.

However, most of us have failed to intuit that the universe is an ordered whole. Focusing strictly on the external, we perceive separation rather than unity, dissimilarity rather than wholeness. We have the power to use either our whole brain or favor either the left or right hemisphere to make our way in life. Whole brain or simultaneous hemispheric functioning is the most effective use of our brain and senses. This in turn, the left brain orientation prevented them they learned or applying it in a routine and holistic fashion. They "talked the talk" but didn't "walk the walk."

The history of these people is one of invasion, war, aggression, disruption and conquest. They have yet to recognize that it is better to co-exist in peace than bully one's way through life. In recent times, White supremacy and the "White man's burden" was their rationale for the looting, plunder and theft they committed of domestic and foreign peoples. Phobias such as being afraid of people who look and behave differently than you (Xenophobia), a fear of animals (Zoo-phobia), a fear of never being loved (Eros-phobia), an inability to share or bond with anyone or anything and a constant uneasiness and inner tension all stem from this.

But looking at the world from a whole brain model we can blend both intuitive and linear thinking to perceive the world from a balanced and holistic perspective. We intuitively understand that everything we see is held together by an invisible force that permeates all creation. Everything is force or power.

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New gospel stamps unveiled in Newark

NEWARK—Mayor Sharpe James and Thomas, Union, Newark Postmaster for the United States Postal Service, unveiled the Gospel Singers' postage stamp recently in the International Conference of Police Chaplains 25th Annual Training Seminar held in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The chaplains in attendance were: Rev. May. Hugh A. O'Connell (Elizabeth PD), Rev. David Sipp (Union County Sheriff's Office), Rev. John Negro (Hillsdale PD), Rev. Robert Iapino (Jersey City PD), Rev. Charles Mingle (South Plainfield PD), Rev. William W. Horn (Passaic PD), Rev. Matt Rostica (Piscataway PD), and Rev. Thomas Vye (Thyenne PD).

Presentations were made on such diverse subjects as Death Notifications, Anatomy of a Murder, Victim Precipitated Suicide (Suicide by Cop), Concerns of Police Survivors, Mass Fatalities, Ethics in Law Enforcement, and the Law Enforcement Family. A total of 15 different workshops were offered.

Union County Sheriff Ralph Froelich states that the chaplaincy has proven to be an invaluable resource for

"This collaborative effort between the City of Newark and the United States Postal Service will be another first in our city's cultural renaissance," said Mayor James. As a mecca for gospel music during the prime of these performers' artistic life, Newark was a "stomping ground" where each of the gospel artist performed for over 20 years. These are four renowned gospel singers: Mahalia Jackson, Roberta Martin, Rosetta Tharpe and Chris Ward.

Law Enforcement agencies. "Police Officers are a unique group with special needs. The very nature of their job brings them into contact with human suffering, tragedy and a never ending exposure to dysfunctional events. Cops often give a detached appearance but they are deeply affected by their experiences. In the past many officers would attempt to self-medicate through alcohol or bring their frustrations and cynicism home creating a stressful family environment. Chaplains are more than counselors or psychologist. They are dedicated professionals who have gained the confidence of case-hardened cops by dispensing compassion with understanding when they connect troubled officers."

Reverend Sipp has been engaged in an effort to establish a Union County Conference of Police Chaplains. They are encouraged to contact Rev. David Sipp at 908-528-2647 for more information on the Police Chaplaincy.

OAKLAND—One of gospel music's most legendary figures, Bishop Walker Hawkins, releases the first in a series of live recordings, *Alive & Well 25th Reunion*, on Gospel Center Records. The long-awaited double CD reunites Hawkins with gospel treats such as Grammy award winner Trina Hargrove, Lynette Hawkins Stephens, Pastor Yvette Flunder and Pastor Willie Miller.

Recorded at Oakland's Historic Paramount Theater, the concert celebrated the 25th anniversary of Hawkins' ordination as a pastor. *Alive & Well 25th Reunion* embraces a central theme giving praise and thanks to God.

Excitement surrounding this self-produced LP is high in gospel music circles, which is heralded as the most anticipated gospel album this year. This came as a surprise to Hawkins. "I am shocked at all the buzz we're getting, but I think this will be my biggest album." Young and old, traditional and contemporary gospel fans will all enjoy this album.

With great expectations by the industry and fans, versus the reality of Hawkins' glad to be part of contemporary gospel music's worldwide growth. "There's always been controversy around me, versus the reality of the gospel. What is tradition any way? Gospel music doesn't have a particular style. Gospel's got to progress," says Hawkins. "I've seen some of the Hawkins Singers had probably one of the major crossover gospel songs of all time with "Oh, Happy Day." Recorded at the age of 19, this Bay Area native hadn't considered a musical life. His recording debut actually came anonymously when he sang the Berkeley, CA-based Epiphany Church of God in Christ's youth choir. To raise money to attend a convention in Washington, DC, the choir, directed by Hawkins' older brother, Edwin, recorded an album, *Let Us Go Into The House of the Lord*, in 1968 to sell locally. Astonishing a song from that album, "Oh, Happy Day,"

Bishop Walker Hawkins

became a pop hit the following year, selling over a million copies. In the next few years, the Edwin Hawkins Singers toured nationally and internationally before Walker set out on his own.

Hawkins entered the ministry and in 1973 founded the Love Center Church in Oakland, with \$1,800 borrowed from his mother. He returned to Epiphany with his Love Center Church and recorded a live album, *Going Up Yonder*, released on Light Records. It rode the Gospel charts for months in 1975 and became a mainstay on Billboard's Gospel Top 40 for three consecutive years.

When looking back at his musical endeavors, Hawkins understands that the age of 19, this Bay Area native hadn't considered a musical life. His recording debut actually came anonymously when he sang the Berkeley, CA-based Epiphany Church of God in Christ's youth choir. To raise money to attend a convention in Washington, DC, the choir, directed by Hawkins' older brother, Edwin, recorded an album, *Let Us Go Into The House of the Lord*, in 1968 to sell locally. Astonishing a song from that album, "Oh, Happy Day,"

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THURSDAY, JULY 30

HOBOKEN — The film "Psycho" is presented at the Erie Lackawanna Plaza in front of the Hoboken train station. The free film starts at 8:00 p.m. For more information, call 201-420-2207.

NEWARK — The Jazz Institute of New Jersey Youth Ensemble will perform at the Newark Museum's "Jazz in Bloom" garden jazz concert series. Showtime is 12:15 p.m. For more information, call 973-596-6355.

FRIDAY, JULY 31

NEWARK — The Newark Museum's Garden Jazz Concerts presents Trombonist Al Gray. Show begins at 12 noon. For more information, call 973-596-6355.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

NEW BRUNSWICK — "Righteous Entertainment" presents "Up Close & Personal" with Ray, Goodman & Brown at the Street Factory Comedy Club. Listen to music of the '70s. For ticket price and more information, call 973-376-1542.

MONDAY, AUGUST 3

SPRINGFIELD — The pastel paintings of Cheryl McLeod are on display at the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Public Library through September 10. An evening reception of the artist will be held August 20 from 7-8:30 p.m. For more information, call 973-376-4930.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4

NEWARK — African Globe Studios announces "Sankofa Dance Theatre." The traditional African dance and music company will hold classes and workshops on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. through December 15. For more information, call 973-6824-1584.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6

NEWARK — Frank Morgan and Friends perform at the Newark Museum's Garden Jazz Concert series. Showtime is 12:15. For more information, call 973-596-6355.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

NEW YORK — "Jazz on the Plaza" presents Claude "Fiddle" Wilkins: A Life in Jazz — Celebrating 90 years at 8:30 p.m. at the North Plaza of Lincoln Center. For more information, call 212-875-5000.

TLC series examines the history of war



Weapons shown in the program War and Civilization.

LOS ANGELES — It started with primitive raids fought with clubs. It evolved into "total war," a ruthless industrial juggernaut that set the world aflame. War: Its weapons, strategies, cost and scope have changed and reflected the course of civilization. Now an epic documentary series definitively captures the sweep of military history—from the Greeks who invented the western way of war, to today's potential for nuclear Armageddon.

The eight-part War and Civilization makes its world premiere on TLC from Sunday, August 2 to Wednesday, August 5, with two episodes airing nightly from 9-11 p.m. Politically narrated by Walter Cronkite, War and Civilization is based on and inspired by the work of John Keegan, one of the best known and most distinguished military historians of this century. Keegan's bestselling military histories, including *A History of Warfare*, *The Face of Battle*, and *The Mask of Command*, have earned universal critical acclaim and have been published around the world. As the series' consultant, Keegan appears in every episode of War and Civilization to provide his unique perspective and keen insight.

In all of recorded history, few centuries have escaped armed conflict. War and Civilization provides a fast paced account of some 5,000 years in an effort to understand how culture and conflict are inextricably linked, and to explore the tension between obtaining peace and conquest.

Rhythms, rituals and soul move through the Newark Museum

NEWARK — This summer, three simultaneous exhibitions at the Newark Museum focus on the theme of collecting, exploring both the personal and public aspects of the activity. *Rhythms, Rituals, Feeding My Soul*, which opened July 17, is based on the intensely personal process of collecting. The ongoing *Exotic Illusions: Art, Romance and the Marketplace* and *Trove of Treasures: Recent Additions at The Newark Museum* Collections allow viewers to ponder collecting in very different contexts.

Blondell Cummings is the guest curator of *Rhythms, Rituals, Feeding My Soul*. This new exhibition marks the third in the Cultural Crossings series, which was conceived to encourage new perspectives on the display of the Museum's extraordinarily diverse permanent collections. Adding a unique dimension to this installment is guest curator Blondell Cummings, a noted dancer and choreographer from The New York Times, who describes as having "a rich sense of theater and the human condition."

Rhythms, Rituals, Feeding My Soul is on view in the Museum's Manual Bennett Life Community Gallery through August 30.

In selecting the exhibition theme and objects, Ms. Cummings was

affected by her own working methods and deeply personal responses to the Museum's collections. Process, an important facet of modern dance and of many rituals, became the emphasis. Ms. Cummings' own process involved spending a great deal of time thinking, talking with the Museum's curators and exploring strange areas—even videotaping some of these activities as part of her method.

In her artist's statement, Ms. Cummings explains how she chose her direction: "I ask myself, what do I want people to experience from this show? I want there to be a feeling of something familiar yet deeper, more expanded. Something that utilizes all the senses: a sense of the past of anxiety and of its connection to the present. It will be a defining and redefining through rituals, past and present."

Ultimately, Ms. Cummings concentrated on cultures from three continents: Africa, Asia and America. For the exhibition, works she selected from the Museum's permanent collections for inclusion suggest simplicity and rituals that have all but disappeared in a fast-paced world where technologies often replace the more traditional processes of everyday life.



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Meet Chenoa Maxwell: rising star of the Babyface film 'Hav Plenty'



Chenoa appears in a scene with Hill Harper in 'Hav Plenty,' a film written by Christopher Cherot. Babyface viewed the film at last year's Apple Pulco film festival where he decided to take the project on as Executive Producer, along with his wife Tracey Edmunds.

By Janice Malone

Critics are predicting that the film "Hav Plenty" will have the follow-up success of last year's runaway hit film "Soul Food." Kenneth "Babyface" Edmonds and wife Tracey Edmunds are the executive producers of the film through the Edmonds family company. A standout in the romantic comedy is newcomer Chenoa Maxwell, who stars as "Haviland Savage" Cherot's love interest.

Maxwell grew up in the Bay

Area of California but now makes her home in New York City. "Hav Plenty" is obviously only the beginning for this beautiful and talented performer. The Scoop recently spoke with Maxwell about her career. Here's what Chenoa had to say.

On the origin of her name: It's a Native American Indian name. My mom is 100 percent Native American. I have relatives who still live on a reservation in the Long Island area. My family comes from the same bloodline of Indians

that first greeted the Pilgrims. And my name has two different meanings. In American English it means "first born daughter" and in our tribal language, Chenoa means "white dove."

On meeting Babyface: It was just great. There's nothing like meeting and working with someone that you've grown up watching on TV or listening to their music on the radio. It's even more thrilling to see who they really are when they're away from the stage. It gives you a different perspective about famous people.

On other projects: "One of the biggest was for Vibe. So I was the Vibe girl. I've done numerous low-budget independent films. Done some music videos. I was in one of Jodeci's videos and was in a K-7 video too."

On becoming an actress: "My dad wanted me to become a doctor just like him. My mom wanted me to be anything that I wanted as long as I finished college first. And I did neither (she laughs). I tried college. I went to colleges on both the east and west coasts. But I got hit by the acting bug when I moved here to New York while in college."

On what's next: "This is all still new to me. I've been receiving lots of scripts and I'm looking at them closely. Some have been just awful. I've been blessed with this great opportunity and I want to make sure my next project is even better than this one. But I've also been doing some producing and I'm kind of looking for a project, film-wise, to produce."

Film brings a 'Little South up North'



Shown in front of Makeda's Restaurant in New Brunswick are (l-r) film maker Marilyn Herod, Anne DeFreese, musician Leslie Ford, Mary McLeod of the National Conference of Negro Women, and Walter McLeod.

NEW BRUNSWICK — On July 11, an enthusiastic crowd listened as independent filmmaker Marilyn Herod recalled a poem she had written for a benefit screening of her work, a documentary on soul food. "It was asked if I was living a dream and my reply, yes... so it seemed," she said.

The Saturday afternoon benefit was held at Makeda Ethiopian Restaurant, a place boasting African flavor with a bit of soul.

Herod's 15 minute documentary, "A Little South Up North," covers the history of soul food and visits restaurants such as Freshwaters Southern Cuisine in Plainfield and JE's in Newark. Herod explained that her project is a work in progress. There are plans to extend the film to one hour and complete the project on better quality media by year's end. Proceeds from the event will benefit the documentary.

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Mark Curry makes the move to movies

LOS ANGELES — In Touchstone Pictures' "Armageddon," Mark Curry plays a New York City cabdriver who is forced to use his wit to save himself and the woman in his cab from being killed by the asteroid's debris.

"I'm showing a tourist around town when the hell storm starts," says Curry. "I'm trying to explain to her, with some difficulty, what this is, and that this kind of thing doesn't happen every day in New York City." One of the biggest challenges Curry faced in his career role in "Armageddon" was that his scene was not completely scripted when filming began. "We made a lot of it up right then and there," laughs Curry, who charted new ground as an actor with this role.

"This is my first movie with big effects," explains Curry. "It was a bit challenging because I had to react to something that wasn't there. I had to pretend that meteorites were falling all of a sudden."

Mark Curry found his career role somewhat physically challenging as well. I had to get out of the cab real quick," laughs Curry. "I'm six feet, six inches tall and I could barely get out of the cab. In one of the takes, I think I climbed out the window."

Mark Curry grew up idolizing comedians such as Richard Pryor and



Comedian Mark Curry starts his career in films with *Armageddon*. From an early age, he wanted to give stand-up a try. Mark has an immediate success at his first comedy gig and began headlining at all the major comedy clubs in San Francisco and Oakland.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE THE COMPUTER TRAINING NEEDS OF THE AUTHORITY

RFP No. 98-13241

THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK is inviting proposals from qualified COMPUTER TRAINING FIRMS to provide the computer training needs of the Authority for a period not to exceed one year. The selected firm shall provide in-house as well as vendor-site based training to the Authority's staff in desktop PC applications, as well as technical training, on as and when needed basis. The Authority proposes to train a minimum of 100 of its staff in PC applications, and provide technical training for a minimum of five, during the year.

A pre-proposal conference will be held on August 5, 1998 at 8:00 a.m. at the NHA Office, 87 Sussex Avenue, Newark, NJ 07102.

Proposal documents can be obtained from the office of the Housing Authority of the City of Newark, Contracts Division, 87 Sussex Avenue, Newark, NJ 07102, (973) 430-2356.

Proposals are required to comply with the requirements of PL 1975, c. 127.

Proposals shall be submitted before 4:00 pm on August 12, 1998.

Proposals shall be submitted to:
Mr. Joel M. Mancini,
Contracting Officer,
Newark Housing Authority,
87 Sussex Avenue,
Newark, NJ 07102.

Envelopes shall be clearly marked:
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The Housing Authority of the City of Newark reserves the right to reject proposals in the event that less than five proposals are received, or to waive any submission in the proposals.

No proposal shall be withdrawn for a period of 120 days subsequent to the date of submission of proposal, without the consent of the Housing Authority of the City of Newark.

For further information, contact: Johnson Abraham, Assistant Executive Director,
Newark Housing Authority at (973) 430-2208

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK
ZINEFORD SMITH, INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR DEFENSIVE CIVIL LITIGATION

The Housing Authority of the City of Asbury Park (AHPA) is seeking proposals from Attorneys and law firms experienced in Defensive Litigation Of Lead-Based Paint Lawsuits to represent it in connection with a lawsuit brought against it.

The AHPA is a public agency organized and operating pursuant to the New Jersey State Redevelopment and Housing Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 et seq.). The AHPA also has a contractual relationship with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development from which the AHPA receives most of its funding.

The AHPA owns and operates 567 units of low-income public housing in seven locations throughout the City of Asbury Park. The AHPA also operates a housing assistance program which subsidizes the rents of 217 families in privately-owned buildings throughout the city.

The AHPA is run by a seven-member Board of Commissioners. Authority for the day-to-day operation of the AHPA is delegated to an Executive Director.

The successful Attorney/firm will be responsible for the following duties:

- Participation in strategy sessions with the AHPA and the AHPA's law attorney.
- Negotiation with the plaintiff's Attorney in regard to pretrial settlement.
- Representation of the AHPA at trial.

• Communication with the AHPA and its attorney.
• Preparation and review of all legal documents, correspondence, filing with the Court, etc.

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2. An identification of the staff who will be representing the APHA on this assignment and the experience and educational background of each.
3. A recitation of your or the firm's experience in lawsuits of this nature. Client references should also be cited here.

If further information regarding this request for proposals is needed, please call the Executive Director, Claudia Sweeney, at the APHA at 732-774-2660 extension 944.

Claudia Sweeney
Executive Director

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LEGAL NOTICE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE TOWN OF MORRISTOWN

The Housing Authority of the Town of Morristown is seeking professional services of an Independent Public Accountant to perform audit services of the Authority's public housing program, modernization program, Section 8 program, and the Family Investment Center grant.

The Authority consists of 470 units of conventional housing, 131 Section 8 certificates, and 28 Section 8 vouchers. The Authority has modernization funding in excess of \$7 million. The audit period will be from October 1, 1997 to September 30, 1998. All respondents must be familiar with public housing and HUD accounting. A final audit report must be completed and received by January 14, 1999.

The audit must be in compliance with all U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development and State of New Jersey Community Affairs requirements.

Specification documents can be obtained by calling 973-538-6343. Submit proposals outlining a lump sum fee to Mr. David Gardner, Executive Director, Morristown Housing Authority, 31 Early Street, Morristown, New Jersey 07960, no later than 4:00 p.m. on September 15, 1998.

David Gardner
Executive Director

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

INDEPENDENT AUDIT OF ALL HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK PROGRAMS

Bid Number: NHA-IPB 3

The Housing Authority of the City of New Brunswick is currently seeking proposals for its annual Financial audit of all Housing Programs administered by the Authority and submitted by the United States Department of Housing & Urban Development. The Period covered is July 1, 1997 through June 30, 1998. Proposal Packages can be ordered by calling John Clarke at 732-745-5147, or they can be picked up in person, at the Authority 71 Nelson Street Office between 6:30 am and 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday.

All proposals are due at the Authority's 71 Nelson Street Office, New Brunswick, New Jersey, 08901, by 3:00 pm, on August 13, 1998.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) Relocation Team

Bid Number: NHA-IPB 1

The Housing and Urban Development Authority of the City of New Brunswick, NJ is seeking proposals for a Firm (or qualified individuals) to act as a Relocation Team, to organize and implement the Authority's Relocation Plan for the Relocation of up to 240 families from the New Brunswick Homes, Family Public Housing Complex.

Bid packages (and a copy of the Relocation Plan) can be requested by calling Mr. John Clarke (Chief of Staff) at the New Brunswick Housing Authority at (732) 745-5147 or they can be picked up in person at the Authority's 71 Nelson Street Office, New Brunswick, NJ. All responses to this RFP must be received (at the 71 Nelson Street Office) no later than 4:00 pm, Tuesday, August 11th 1998.

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